Shipping of Mineral Sand.

222 MR. K. A. MOHAMMED: Will the Honourable Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether it is a fact that due to delay of decisions on the part of Government regarding prices and the quantity of sand to be shipped in the season time, that unnecessary loss is incurred both by the companies and the Government?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: There has been no avoidable delay occasioned by Government in this matter, and no loss has been sustained by the companies or Government on this account.

Mining Area.

223. MR. K. A. MOHAMMED: Will the Honourable Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether Government propose to declare any place in the State as a mining area from where minerals can be exploited without any harm to other places?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: The matter is under consideration of Government.

Town Planning Scheme.

224. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil I—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Cape Comorin has been brought under a Town Planning Scheme?

(*b*) whether any work has been carried out in furtherance of the town planning scheme;

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, what is the amount spent for the purpose up to date;

(*d*) whether Government are aware of the acute scarcity of drinking water at Cape Comorin;

(*e*) whether any scheme of water supply to the Cape Comorin has been investigated; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (e) is in the affirmative, what is the result of the investigation?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 8,361.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes, partly.

(*f*) The yield tests conducted on the one existing well viz., Dhalavamadam well show that the yield from the well is not adequate for the whole village. However arrangements are being made for the erection of 12 fountain posts to supply the water from the above well to meet the immediate demand.

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